

Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
May 23, 2011
7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with Supervisor Scott leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Scott, Roland, McLane, Yarhouse and Rottiers. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, Road Commissioner Eddie Garver, County Commissioner Jerry Burger and two citizens.

The minutes of the April 25, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Rottiers. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with a motion by McLane, seconded by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire report was given by Fire Chief Tubbs who reported 21 runs, 13 of which were medical, one grass fire, four mutual aid, two personal injury and one illegal burn. He also reported that Chris Plummer and Lane Romanelli had stepped down from the department. He also reported that Emily Edwards, Terryn Grider and Zachary Hill were three new applicants needing approval by the board. He updated the board on the status of Motorola radios that had been improperly installed.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by McLane, to accept applicants Emily Edwards, Terryn Grider and Zachary Hill to the Fire Department pending background checks and physicals. All ayes. Motion passed.

County Commissioner Jerry Burger gave a brief report.

Road Commissioner Eddie Garver gave a brief report.

Rich Reuter reported that a survey done by the DNR on Crooked Lake indicated that the Eurasian Milfoil had been reduced to nearly zero.

Correspondence had been received from the County regarding renewal of the Maintenance Contract with the Equalization Department for assessment and tax preparation services.

Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Rottiers, to renew the Maintenance Contract with the Equalization Department for assessment and tax preparation services. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Scott reported the website is now live. Assessing information is available on the site, free to property owners and \$2.00 for anyone else accessing that information. He also suggested to the board and the board agreed to add the summary of the budget to the website. He also indicated that the BSA tax program will be installed on :

June 9 indicating that this is the same program that the property owners will be able to access.

Supervisor Scott reported that the new gate at the transfer station had been installed.

Motion by Scott, supported to Roland, to reject all three foreclosed properties available to the township. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Roland, to purchase a new paper shredder at a cost of \$250. All ayes. Motion passed.

Supervisor Scott reported that information will be added to the website regarding transfer station permits indicating that property owners sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with property tax number and name can request a transfer station permit be mailed to them.

Supervisor Scott reported two changes in the recommended budget for 2011-2012 to increase the township hall equipment budget an additional \$30,000 for the next year to pay for the new truck which will not be available until after June and recommended the fire special assessment be increased from 1.65 mills to 1.9 mills.

Motion to tentatively accept recommended budget by McLane, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Roland, seconded by McLane, to approve the fireworks permit for Eight Point Lake for September 3, 2011 with a rain date of September 4, 2011 with same conditions as last year. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Rottiers, to approve Bills and Wages of \$34,244.83. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by McLane to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.